

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 ROME 01222 231849Z

67

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 IO-11 ISO-00 AGR-05 SP-02 AID-05 EB-07 NSC-05

CIEP-01 TRSE-00 SS-15 STR-04 OMB-01 CEA-01 CIAE-00

COME-00 FRB-03 INR-07 NSAE-00 USIA-06 XMB-02 OPIC-03

LAB-04 SIL-01 L-03 /099 W

----- 129755

R 231745Z JAN 76

FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5335

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

USMISSION OECD PARIS

USDEL MTN GENEVA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ROME 1222

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, EEC, IT, FR, EFIN

SUBJECT: WINE AND LIRE-NO TRADE RESTRICTIONS EXPECTED

REF: ROME 971 (NOTAL), (B) ROME 1030, (C) ROME 1117

1. EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF "WINE WAR" STATUS IS THAT GOI  
WILL NOT TAKE ACTION AGAINST FRENCH IMPORTS IN NEAR FUTURE.  
ACCORDING TO ALL INDICATIONS, CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR IMPOSITION  
OF TRADE RESTRICTIONS AIMED AT FRENCH IMPORTS ARE UNDER  
PREPARATION. THIS WAS CONFIRMED BY BANK OF ITALY DIRECTOR  
GENERAL OSSOLA TO TREASATT, WHO INDICATED HIS FEELING THAT  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 ROME 01222 231849Z

THERE WAS SOME LIKELIHOOD THAT RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE IMPOSED

AT SOME TIME, HOWEVER, FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY DIRECTOR  
GENERAL FOR COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS TRIOLI, WHILE CONFIRMING  
PREPARATORY WORK, TOLD ECMIN THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTION  
TO PUT THESE INTO EFFECT IN NEAR FUTURE. HE ONLY HOPED THAT SETTLEMENT

OF WINE WAR COULD BE REACHED SOON SO THAT  
GOI WOULD NOT BE PRESSURED INTO IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS.

2. DISTINCTION SHOULD BE MADE BETWEEN (A) IMPOSITION OF  
FORMAL TRADE RESTRICTIONS (WHETHER ACKNOWLEDGED AS AIMED AT  
FRANCE OR NOT) AND (B) ACTIONS BY GOI CUSTOMS OFFICIALS  
DESIGNED TO HARASS FRENCH IMPORTS WHILE REMAINING WITHIN  
THE LETTER OF LAW AND REGULATION. SOME POSSIBLE ACTIONS  
OF THIS TYPE WERE MENTIONED REF B. WE BELIEVE IT FAR MORE  
LIKELY THAT ANY ACTION BY GOI WOULD BE OF LATTER TYPE,  
ALTHOUGH, AS STATED ABOVE, WE BELIEVE THAT NO ACTION IS  
IMMINENT.

3. WITH RESPECT TO MEASURES TO DEFEND THE LIRA, EMBASSY  
NOTES THAT BOI NOTICE TO OTHER CENTRAL BANKS OF CLOSING  
OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS (REF A) SPECIFICALLY STATED  
THAT NO TRADE RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE IMPOSED. THERE HAVE  
BEEN NO RPT NO INDICATIONS TO THE CONTRARY, AND TRIOLI TOLD  
ECMIN CATEGORICALLY THAT NO RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE IMPOSED.  
VOLPE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** WINES, LIRA, CURRENCIES, TRADE CONTROLS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 23 JAN 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** morefirh  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976ROME01222  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760027-0580  
**From:** ROME  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19760127/aaaaaxrd.tel  
**Line Count:** 86  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 76 ROME 971, 76 ROME 1117  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** morefirh  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 30 MAR 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <30 MAR 2004 by KelleyW0>; APPROVED <13 MAY 2004 by morefirh>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** WINE AND LIRE-NO TRADE RESTRICTIONS EXPECTED  
**TAGS:** EAGR, EFIN, IT, FR, EEC  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006